

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Price, 2012 American League Cy Young Award winner.

WHEREAS, it was with immense pride that the members of this General Assembly learned that Mr. David Taylor Price, a native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America as the winner of the 2012 American League Cy Young Award; and

WHEREAS, proving himself to be the premier pitcher in the American League, David Price enjoyed a tremendous season as his commanding variety of pitches, including a wicked slider, outstanding changeup, and nasty curveball, set up his blazing fastball to mow down batters by the score; and

WHEREAS, he embraces a personal goal to leave his mark on baseball, and Mr. Price's 2012 season with the Tampa Bay Rays is one for the history books as he led the league in wins and earned run average (ERA) while racking up 205 strikeouts in 211 innings, and his opponents were held to a .318 slugging percentage – the lowest in the major leagues; and

WHEREAS, a workhorse on the mound, David Price led the major leagues with twenty-three starts of seven innings or more during the season while going 10-2 with a 2.51 ERA in the powerhouse East Division of the America League; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Blackman High School, Mr. Price attended Vanderbilt University where he was a star pitcher for the Commodores and earned All-American honors while setting the school record for innings pitched, career strikeouts, and strikeouts in a season; and

WHEREAS, a member of the gold-medal winning 2006 U.S. World University Games baseball team, David Price swept the college baseball awards during his final year at Vanderbilt

as he won the Golden Spikes Award, the Dick Howser Trophy, the Brooks Wallace Award, and the Roger Clemens Award; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Major League Baseball overall Number One draft pick, David Price was selected by the Tampa Bay Rays and made his major league debut for the team on September 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, pitching out of the bullpen in the fall of 2008, Mr. Price rose to the occasion as the Rays advanced to their first World Series, and he earned his first career save in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series against the Boston Red Sox; and

WHEREAS, a full-time starting pitcher for the Rays since 2009, David Price is the first 20-game win pitcher in Tampa Bay history and has been named a member of the American League All-Star team for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize and commend this esteemed gentleman and true son of the State of Tennessee on his extraordinary success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate David Price, 2012 American League Cy Young Award winner, on his extraordinary season and wish him much continued success in all his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.